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Common Riding exhibition is quite an 'Experience'

Be sure to visit over the next week or so!



INFORMATIVE: Langholm's Burgh Standard is only part of the well-curated exhibition currently in the Old Post Office in the town's Market Place

The Eskdale Experience heritage group trustees have put in a power of work over the last several weeks pulling together a comprehensive Langholm Common Riding exhibition.

After its opening last weekend, the event has had a steady flow of visitors and has been unanimously well received.

Please see Page 7 for more on the Exhibition opening and be sure to get yourself along there in the next week.



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Aoiffion: International Athlete

Langholm's 14-year-old athlete Aoiffion McVittie-Brangan has made her debut running for Scotland in the Scottish Schools U17 athletics team against England, Ireland and Wales in the Schools International Athletics Boards annual meeting in Belfast.

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Family Announcements

Deaths

PAISLEY, Robert

Passed away peacefully at Burnfoot Care Home on 15th July aged 85.
Loving Husband of Anne, Father to Charles and Andrew, Papa of Jamie, Aylish, Ellie, Megan and Alistair.
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“Few better places to spend a day than Langholm”

Commons Leader invited to Common Riding

MP David Mundell has welcomed the Leader of the House of Commons Sir Alan Campbell's good-humoured response after Mr Mundell used Business Questions in the House of Commons to invite him to Langholm Common Riding and put one of the Borders' most treasured traditions firmly in the parliamentary spotlight.

During his Question, Mr Mundell noted that the soon-to-be former Prime Minister Keir Starmer and his family had holidayed in the constituency last summer and joked that, "now that he has more time on his hands", he would be very welcome to return. He then invited the Leader of the House to visit Langholm on the last Friday in July to experience the Common Riding for himself.

Speaking after his Question in Parliament, David Mundell MP said:

"I thought it was only right to use my Question to remind colleagues that there are few better places to spend a summer day than Langholm on Common Riding Friday. Whether or not Sir Alan manages to find a gap in his diary, the invitation certainly stands. He would receive



Sir Alan Campbell, Leader of the House of Commons

a very warm welcome and see one of the finest traditional events anywhere in Scotland. From the presentation of the Burgh Standard to Cornet Hope, to hundreds of riders following the historic marches and Rae Elliot crying the Langholm Fair twice on horseback, it really is a day unlike any other!

Responding in the House of Commons, Sir Alan Campbell

thanked Mr Mundell for the invitation, saying he would "need to check my diary", before praising Common Ridings as traditions that bring communities together, preserve local history and put on a spectacular display for visitors. He also thanked the volunteers whose hard work makes such events possible and encouraged people to see them for themselves.

Community Land Scotland offering paid opportunities

Community Land Scotland is looking for young people aged between 18 – 35 years of age interested in an exciting paid opportunity work with them and the International Land Coalition to set up the 'Europe Middle East and North Africa Youth Platform'.

This platform will serve as a collective space for young people engaged in land issues to share knowledge, development skills, engage in policy conversations and work together with others to create land-based activities and solutions. For more information see the

Community Land Scotland website or email josh@communityland.scot. The closing date is 31 July. Young people who are interested in land issues are eligible to apply for this opportunity.

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Aims to restrict the advertising of vaping and smoking in Scotland

Views are being sought on proposals aimed at restricting the appearance of tobacco, vaping and nicotine products and how they are packaged and displayed in shops in Scotland to make them less enticing to children and young people.

The consultation fulfils a 100-day Scottish Government commitment and builds on government action to reduce preventable deaths from smoking and introduce tougher measures on vaping, including the introduction of a ban on the sale of single-use vapes last year.

Public Health Minister Maree Todd said:

"Scotland has been a world-leader on a range of tobacco control measures, and while there has been a steady reduction in smoking rates, we know it still damages lives and kills more than 7,000 people a year in Scotland.

One in five

"The use of vapes has increased in recent years, particularly among children and young people – with almost one in five children saying they have tried vaping.

"We know that colourful packaging and displays are used as an enticement to children and young people, which is why we are taking action and consulting on options to address this issue. We urge everyone to have their say on how these products are marketed and sold in the future to help protect children and young people and reduce preventable harm in Scotland."

The consultation is on the UK Government website and will run for 12 weeks.

New UK Inclusive Ownership Project

Langholm has some prime candidates for this

Communities across Scotland, England and Wales are set to benefit from a major new project supporting community ownership of land and buildings. Community Land Scotland has secured £4.25 million over five years from The National Lottery Community Fund to deliver the Inclusive Ownership project, a new UK-wide partnership focused on strengthening sustainable community ownership.

This funding will support over 100 communities across the UK to explore ownership opportunities, with at least 50 expected to make significant progress towards owning land or buildings.

The project builds on the success of community ownership in Scotland, which developed as a way for communities to take greater control of land and assets, and has since expanded across the country. This new partnership aims to extend those opportunities further across England and Wales.

The initiative will help communities – particularly in urban and post-industrial areas – to develop business plans and build sustainable, income-generating



projects that contribute to long-term community wealth. While it does not provide direct funding for asset purchase, it will support communities to access the advice and pathways needed to move towards ownership.

Heather Yearwood, Inclusive Ownership Manager at Community Land Scotland, said: "Across the UK, more communities want to take control of local land and buildings and have a stronger say in what happens where they live. This project is about supporting that

— helping communities not only take ownership, but develop projects that are sustainable and bring real, long-term benefits.

"A big part of the work is making sure more people can take part, especially communities that have faced barriers in the past. It will help us understand those challenges and make community ownership more accessible for more people."

For information on the project contact heather@community-land.scot

Benty traffic calming update



A member of Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk has investigated the need for traffic calming measures, namely vehicle activated signs for Bentpath.

A report on this is going to the next meeting of the Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council on 6th August.

The Bentpath village hall committee had looked at this in 2025 but found that the logistics, including funding, maintenance and liabilities would be too significant for them to proceed.

A limited number of

members of the community have been consulted this time around and there does seem to be support in principle for the installation of signs. Traffic survey data though suggests general compliance with the speed limit. The cost would be up to £12,000 along with maintenance and liabilities and this would be the responsibility of the community council.

If this is to go ahead the community council will need to source funding, the equipment and arrange installation as well as establish maintenance arrangements.

Pink for CR windows!

The Langholm Common Riding window dressing competition will take place on 27th July. All businesses are encouraged to decorate their windows in celebration of the Common Riding. Judging will be carried out by Marion Hope, the Cornet's mother, along with members of the Community Council.

Aldi Sport Fund

The Aldi Scottish Sport Fund is returning for its 10th year, and to celebrate this milestone Aldi is increasing the top prize fund to £3,000. This annual initiative provides grants to help registered community sports organisations with essentials like equipment, kits, training, costs and more - encouraging participation for all ages and abilities. Applications for the South Scotland (Post-code areas DG, TD) are open from Monday 26th October - Sunday 22nd November 2026. For more information see the Aldi website and search Scottish sport fund.



Get your Benty Show schedule



Westerkirk Horticultural Society has issued the schedule for the Benty Show which this year takes place on Saturday 5th September.

There are classes for everyone including flowers, vegetable, industrial work classes, sheep classes and many more. The entries for sheep classes close on 24th August followed by the entries for other classes on

Wednesday 2nd September. There will be four hound trails, children's races, sheaf tossing and the fell race for the Scott Challenge Trophy. In the evening there's to be a barbecue. First established in 1861 the Benty Show is a piece of living heritage.

If you would like a schedule email thebentyshow@hotmail.com or pick one up from The Paper Shop.

Hose training waters green



Langholm fire service visited Langholm New Town Bowling Club last Tuesday night for their practice. They provided the green with some much-needed water after a couple of weeks of dry weather and no sign of rain for the foreseeable future.

Thanks to Stuart Mabon and team. They parked the fire engine in the school car park and put ramps on the road so the hose didn't get damaged from the cars driving past.



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Grave(I) Concerns

May I express my exasperation with the fact that more than a year has elapsed since the meeting in Buccleuch Hall with MSPs and SEPA etc with promises to get the gravel situation sorted and nothing has happened. We all know that as far as Langholm is concerned

SEPA is a waste of space. They hold back anything we propose and won't help us it seems, out of pure obstinance. Something needs to be done about these people who sit in ivory towers holding sway over people they don't or won't care about.

D. M. Graham

More on Namibia Hotel

Following last week's article about the Langholm hotel in Namibia I can tell you that it was indeed named after Langholm the town and had nothing to do with the Afrikaans language. I was there in 2002 but there was nobody there and was back there again in 2004, when I met a woman and her daughter there that time. She told us that someone her husband knew was from Langholm and that person had come up to Namibia from South Africa and that's how the hotel came to be given its name.

Name and address supplied



Cumberland pledges to stay on High Street

The Cumberland Building Society has committed to remain in the communities it serves in a bid to support local consumers and businesses to thrive whilst other major financial institutions leave. The commitment comes after customers, local residents and business owners said they want financial institutions to maintain an active presence in their communities. Today, The Cumberland is reaffirming its long-term commitment to those communities, at a time when major banks and building societies continue to close branches and withdraw from high streets across the UK.

New research from the building society found 32 percent of people in Dumfries and Galloway, and 28 percent of those in neighbouring Cumbria, said high street decline was a top issue facing their local community. The building society's research also found more than a quarter of people (26 percent) across the North-West and Scottish Borders view high street decline as one of the biggest

issues facing them and their families.

The Cumberland's decision to stay is a considered one, shaped by what customers and residents across the region have said they want from their building society, ensuring people remain connected to in-person banking services in the areas other organisations have left. As a result, it is uniquely positioned to understand what the high street means to the people, the businesses, and the wider region.

The Cumberland has 31 branches across Cumbria, Lancashire, Northumberland and South-West Scotland, and today it is the only remaining financial institution in 19 of those 31 communities, ensuring customers continue to have access to face-to-face banking where it is needed most.



National campaign to expose county lines

New figures highlight the scale of child exploitation

Crimestoppers has launched a national campaign to expose the hidden exploitation of children linked to county lines and encourage the public to speak up safely and anonymously. County lines involves grooming and controlling young people. Children are targeted, manipulated and exploited to transport drugs, money and weapons, often far from home and while facing violence, intimidation and isolation.

New figures highlight the scale of the issue. Police estimate that up to 11,600 children are at risk of county lines exploitation, with many going missing repeatedly. In the past year alone, more than 2,600 children

Ryan awarded Masters in Architecture



Ryan Smith graduated from Dundee University with a first class masters in Architecture.

He is a former pupil of Canonbie Primary and Langholm Academy and is the son of Mick and Fiona Smith.

Ryan has secured a job at an architect's practice in Edinburgh.



Community Council Meeting

Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council will hold their next meeting on Thursday 6th August in Langholm town hall at 5.30pm. Items on the agenda include an update on the Kilngreen play park, cross border health care, public transport and flashing speed lights at the Benty.

More Fly Tipping

There's been more fly tipping locally – this time on the old A7 south of Langholm. A cooker and TV and other rubbish has been dumped. Other junk includes roofing materials. Is there any way this can be stopped? It's so sad to see our beautiful countryside desecrated in this way.

Painting for Pleasure

Langholm's Painting for Pleasure group will hold its Summer exhibition in the pop-up shop from 27th July to 1st August showing original art and craft work by local artists. Sales will be by cash only.



were identified as linked to county lines activity, though the true number is believed to be significantly higher. Going missing is one of the clearest warning signs. Each year, there are around 200,000 reports of missing children, many involving repeat episodes that increase the risk of harm. Within county lines networks, young people

may be sent to unfamiliar areas and feel unable to seek help because of fear or coercion.

Violence is often part of this exploitation. Young people can be pressured into carrying weapons in the belief it will keep them safe, when in reality it puts them in greater danger. The impact and harm extend beyond individuals. Crimestop-

pers is urging the public to recognise the signs of exploitation and act early. Unexplained gifts, new clothes or phones, secrecy, or frequent absences can all indicate that a young person may be at risk.

Anyone with information about county lines activity, or concerns about a young person, can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via crimestoppers-uk.org. Crimestoppers is an independent charity. We never ask for your name or personal details, and your information cannot be traced. You will not be speaking to the police or have any involvement with the courts if you contact Crimestoppers or Fearless.org.

Buccleuch puts Canonbie farms and land up for sale

Agricultural letting sector in Scotland is contracting further amid rising uncertainty

A significant amount of farming land in the Canonbie area is up for sale along with some other land and fishings. Farms include Rowanburnfoot, Harelawhole, Crookholm, land and property at Parkhouse farm, woodland at Penton Linns and fishings at the Willow Pool and the Cauldron. The selling agent is Galbraith. One of the lots related to Harelawhole is the former limestone mine workings and includes Harelaw Limekilns, which are Category B listed status by Historic and Environment Scotland.

The Willow and Cauldron fishing beats start just north of the confluence between the River Esk and the Liddel Water and run for approximately 1,330m south to the Scotland/England border near Scots Dyke. The total land area being sold is 1376 acres.

With these sales Buccleuch seems to be continuing to reduce its footprint in this area. Having sold large tracts of land to James Jones and Sons Ltd, the Langholm Initiative and Oxygen Conservation they now seem to be selling smaller pockets of land here.

The median size of tenant farms in Scotland is approximately 964 acres (390 hectares). Rowanburnfoot offers 133.53 acres (54.04 Ha) and Crookholm farm offers 243.15 Acres

(98.40 Ha) so these will be fairly small farms.

Uncertainty

According to a to Farmer's Weekly report based on a 2025 survey, the agricultural letting sector in Scotland is contracting further amid rising uncertainty, shorter leases and looming tax changes. Also, according to the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers survey, long running pressures in the Scottish landlord-tenant system were being sharpened by the UK government's October 2024 Budget decision to reduce agricultural and business property reliefs from inheritance tax.

New land entering the farming sec-



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tor remains limited, with 1,750ha let for the first time in 2025, higher than in recent years but still insufficient to avoid a net loss. The average size of a new tenancy fell to 55ha (135 acres) and the average lease length dropped to 3.35 years, below the maximum five year term for Short Limited Duration Tenancies.

It will be interesting to see who purchases these landholdings and how that impacts on land use change in the area that has been going on a number of years. Previous tracts of land were sold in large lots but this time Buccleuch has opted to sell this land in smaller lots. Lotting like this is believed to maximise value in sales.

School Uniform Event

Families can get free school uniforms, stationery and a free haircut at our back-to-school uniform events this August.

The events are open to anyone who needs support preparing for the new school year. At these one-stop shop events, you can collect: free new school uniforms; free pre-loved school uniforms; free school stationery; free back-to-school haircuts from volunteer hairdressers.

While you're at the event, you can also pick up a free lunch and have a chat with local organisations offering support to families.

The closest event to Langholm will be at Annan on Saturday 15 August 2026 from 9am to midday at Newstart Recycle, Unit E, Provost Mill, Queensberry Street, Annan.

School Meals help

If you need information about applying for free school meals, school clothing grants or holiday food programmes you can either phone 030 33 33 3006 or log onto dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/schools-learning/schools/school-meals/free-school-meals

Celebrating History and Tradition

The Eskdale Experience brings 267 years of Langholm's story to a masterful exhibition

The Eskdale Experience's Common Riding exhibition was opened by Cornet Hope last Friday night to much acclaim. In attendance were the Right- and Left-hand men, jubilee and diamond jubilee cornets, members of the Eskdale Experience, the Langholm Alliance, Langholm Library Trust and funders as well as other invited guests.

The exhibition includes film, photographs, panels telling the Common Riding story and Alan Miller's collection of ties.

Billy Young welcomed everyone to the opening and thanked the funders and all those who had loaned mate-

rials for the exhibition. Cornet Hope cut the pink ribbon to mark the official opening and Donna Hislop of the Langholm Alliance gave a vote of thanks. Everyone had the opportunity to preview the exhibition and were delighted to see the variety of objects on display. There was much chat and as well as a glass of wine those present enjoyed the traditional fare of barley banna and cheese. The exhibition tells the story of the Common Riding in great detail and is an education for all of us. The organisation hopes that this is one of many exhibitions that the Eskdale Experience will put together.



John Murray (Jubilee) and Ronnie Hudson (Diamond Jubilee)



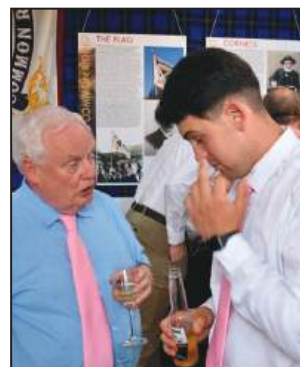
David Pool discusses the event with Mairi Telford Jammeh



Cornet Tommy Hope cuts the ribbon to declare the exhibition open



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Farm Safety Week 2026

This is Farm Safety Week – a campaign first launched in 2013 because agriculture in the UK and Ireland was seeing significantly more deaths than any other industry.

Sadly, thirteen years later, that same message still needs to be hammered home. New figures just released show that farm workers are seven times more likely to be killed than those in construction, and in 2025/26 so far, 22 have died on British farms. Half of those were aged 65 and over. 10% of the fatalities involved children.

Thousands more have suffered life-changing injuries and nearly half of all farmers under the age of 40 say they worry more about ending up with a disability than about dying in a farm accident.

So this year the Farm Safety Foundation which leads and funds the campaign wants to challenge the long-standing misconception that only fatal injuries matter.

The figures are stark. Currently around 9,000 workers in the sector are suffering from work-related ill health, with 67% linked to musculoskeletal disorders, while an estimated 8,000 non-fatal workplace injuries have occurred over the last five years.

Farm Safety Foundation Manager Stephanie Berkeley says it's really important to talk about the danger of accidents on the farm.

"When we talk about farm safety, fatalities understandably dominate the conversation, but serious injuries can be just as life changing," she said. "The reality is that there is no such thing as a paper cut on a farm and the margin between a near miss, a serious injury and a fatal incident is often frighteningly small."



Campaign supporter Wallace Currie

"A fall from height, an encounter with machinery, a vehicle incident - these don't always result in death, but they can leave someone living with chronic pain, reduced mobility, disability or an inability to continue working. That impact doesn't stop with the individual; it affects the family, the farm business and the community as a whole."

The heatwaves experienced recently in many parts of the country have added to the problems, because by the very nature of the job, most farm workers spend a great deal of time outside. Dehydration, heat stress, fatigue and poor concentration can all increase the likelihood of mistakes around vehicles, livestock, machinery and working at height.

So as part of this year's

campaign, the Farm Safety Foundation has published a list of simple but potentially life-saving tips. (below)

One of the strongest supporters of the campaign is Wallace Currie. He grew up steeped in the farming way of life on the beautiful Isle of Arran on his parents' 2,000 acre hill farm, helping to look after a flock of 630 Blackies, Swales and more recently, Cheviots and Dorsets.

Spokesman

As a child he really wanted to be a footballer or a WWE wrestler, but the roots ran too deep in him and he was drawn back to farming. He studied at SRUC before spending four years at Barony College as an Agricultural Lecturer and in 2024, a Nuffield Scholarship took

him travelling abroad to find out more about farming in other countries.

He has become something of an unofficial spokesman on the topic of farm safety, both in terms of the practical risks and realities on farms, and the need for those in agriculture to look after their mental health.

"I'm aware of just how many people in farming have issues and I want to do my bit to try to minimise that as much as you can and that's all the way from deaths and suicides right up to minor accidents that just mean a week off work," he said.

"I don't think accidents are caused because people are reckless. With agriculture, there's so many times of the year, be that lambing or calving in livestock systems, harvest in arable systems, that

by the very nature of the climate we live in and the short spells of correct weather or the short spells of the breeding programmes that we have to work with, there are times that really do increase the need to rush, and the feeling that we have to get the thing done.

"As we all know, that's how mistakes can happen or maybe we simply make a decision without fully considering aspects of health and wellbeing at that time. "So we have to treat everything as a mini risk assessment. Not necessarily having to write everything down but just bringing it into your mindset is really worthwhile, but often we just don't do that."

Wallace says much good work is also being done by other groups.

"I think the work done by RSABI is phenomenal but I'm also a huge fan of Farmstrong because it promotes prevention over cure and wellbeing over crisis and I think this year's focus of Farm Safety Week is basically the equivalent.

"Obviously we want to get the number of deaths on the farm down to zero, but so many thousands of people are now living with injuries and finding a way to mitigate that has got to be worthwhile."

Simple but life-saving safety tips

■ *Keep a top on when working.*

■ *Wear a hat with a brim or flap to protect the ears and back of the neck.*

■ *Stay in the shade whenever possible, especially during breaks and at lunchtime.*

■ *Use high-factor sunscreen of at least SPF30 on exposed skin.*

■ *Drink plenty of water - little and often and avoid alcohol.*

■ *Take sufficient breaks and watch for signs of fatigue, stress and poor mental health.*

■ *Check skin regularly for unusual moles or spots and speak to a doctor about anything changing in shape, size or colour or*

anything itching or bleeding.

■ *Keep machinery clean and well-maintained during harvest.*

■ *Be alert to dust build-up, overheating parts and fire risks.*

■ *Make sure fire extinguishers are accessible and in working order.*

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Langholm's treasured fortnight begins all over again for 2026

Perfect weather as Cornet Hope leads seventy-plus riders to The Benty

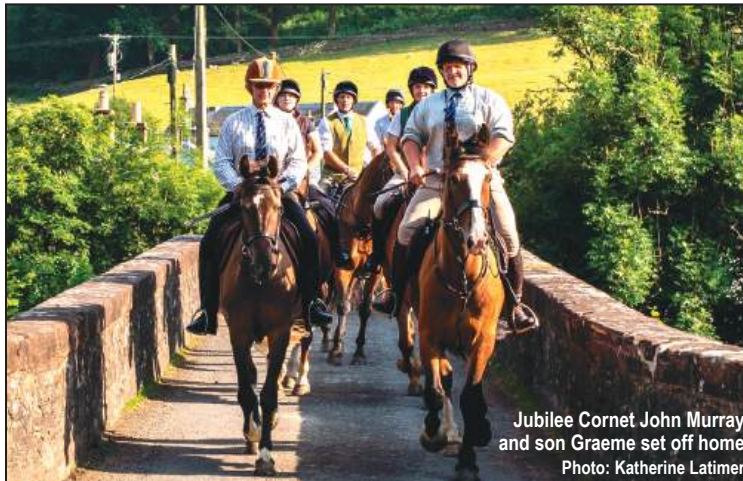
"Time is a horse that never tires. Whether you spend the day admiring the view or struggling against the wind, it carries you forward all the same, until one day you look back and see how far you've travelled."

And so it is with the ever-turning circle of Langholm Common Riding and here we are again at the start of the town's extra-special time of year.

The sun shone and a gentle breeze blew for the Castle Craigs Club's official rideout to The Benty.

Over 70 riders set off from the Kilngreen at 1.30 and headed up Jimmy's Brae and onto Meikleholm and they followed the hills to their first muster at Hopsrig Farm where both rider and mount got a break and a drink.

On to the Benty where they arrived to a hearty welcome with a good number of spectators who had gathered in the field for the afternoon.



Jubilee Cornet John Murray and son Graeme set off home
Photo: Katherine Latimer

The riders were then welcomed into the Benty Hall where they were well fed by the ladies of Westerkirk SWI and a couple of hours of toasts and music followed. Finley Dell was given the task of toasting the Cornet which he did in fine style. The Cornet replied.

After the customary dram and the

singing of 'There's a Wee Bit Toon' the Front Three led the cavalcade back to Langholm via Westerhall, the Sorbie Road and over the Castle hill to descend to the town.

All in all it was a grand day and a fine start to the Langholm Common Riding for 2026. Hip hip hooray!



Langholm Cornet Tommy Hope sets off for the Benty
Photo: by Amy Colclough

LANGHOLM COMMON RIDING 2026

LANGHOLM COMMON RIDING



MEMORIAL SERVICE

in the Buccleuch Park
on Sunday 26th July at 10.50am
followed by Church Service in
Langholm Parish Church
Members to meet at 10.45am

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LANGHOLM COMMON RIDING

CORNET'S DISCO in Langholm Social Club

Thursday 30th July from 10.30pm to 12.30am

No Entry after midnight

Entry – age 16 and over
age verification required

Strictly no alcohol allowed for under 18s

Admission £5 per person - Bar

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LANGHOLM COMMON RIDING

The CONCERT and INVESTITURE



will be held in the Buccleuch Centre
on Wednesday 29th July at 7.45pm

Local artistes will take part

The Town and Pipe Bands will attend

Investiture of Cornet
and
Presentation to Diamond-Jubilee Cornet
and Jubilee Cornet
by Miss Michaela L. Maxwell

Admission – Free
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LANGHOLM COMMON RIDING Friday 31st July

HOUND RACE

Sponsored by the Family of the late J. Murray Collins
and the family of the late Scott Morrison
Hounds meet at Collins Turn

at 6.25am

Slipped at 6.30am

Admission Free

HORSE RACING

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65 and over & Children aged 13-17 - £5
Adults Pre-Purchase Tickets - £8
Concessions Pre-Purchase - £4
Refreshments on the field
Dancing on the Castleholm at 7.15pm

R. S. Mabon
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38 High Street
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Benty Rideout: Tommy leads the Way

Benty Bairns

It was great to see all the youngsters enjoying the fresh air, sunshine and atmosphere at The Benty Rideout last weekend.

Enthusiastic parents bringing their young'uns up in the faith is just what we need for the future of our shared and cherished heritage.



YOUNGEST THERE: 3-week old Ophelia Richardson



Lyla White out for the count



Edith Mitchell, pretty as a picture



Benji Patterson with Dad Luke



Robbie Anderson with Dad Russell



SETTING OFF: Along Henry Street, heading for the hills



PICTURE PERFECT: Approaching the Benty



JUBILEE-ERS: Ronnie Hudson and John Murray

Photo by K. Pool



CHEERS: Diana Stewart of Westerkirk SWI provides a farewell dram to the Front Three

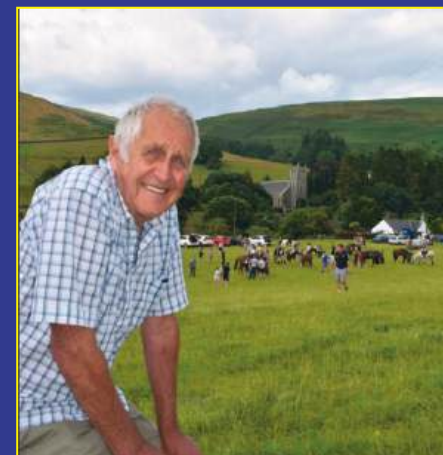


TOP TABLERS: RHM Ewan Patterson, Cornet Tommy Hope, Castle Craigs Chairman Neil Fletcher, LHM Bailey Donaldson and David Hope, the Cornet's Father

Photo by K. Pool



BROS: Cornet's brother Harry



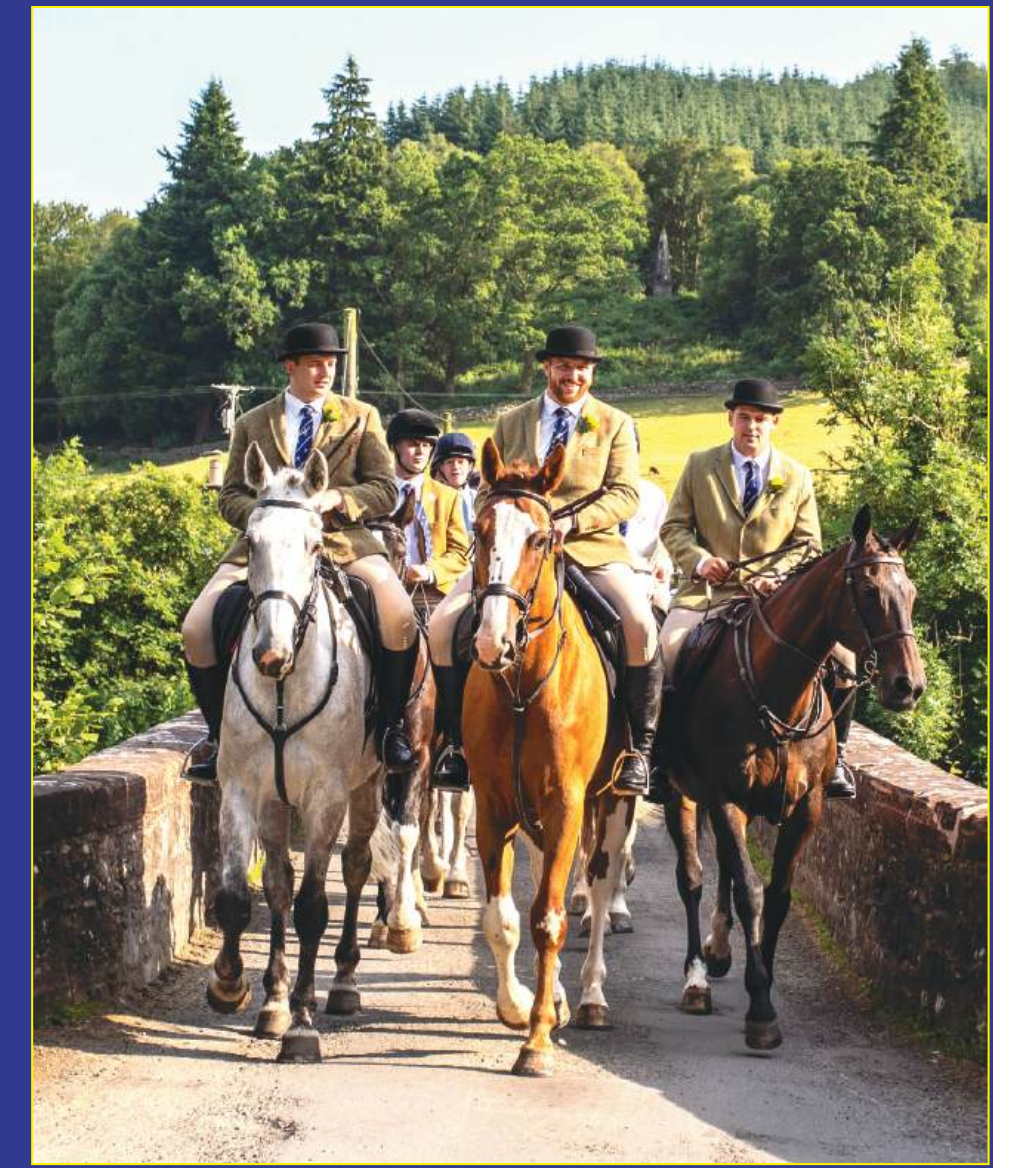
John Armstrong paid us a visit at The Benty



Cornet Tommy Hope sings the first verse of 'A Wee Bit Toon'



AULD PALS: Kenneth Pool and Billy Young



CLASSIC BENTY PHOTO: Tommy and his Right and Left cross the Benty Brig on the way to Westerhall

Pony Rideout encourages over seventy youngsters to saddle-up

Langholm's young equestrians got their chance to shine on Sunday by taking part in the Castle Craigs Club's Pony Ride.

The event is jointly organised by the Castle Craigs Club, Eskdale Pony Club and Langholm Young Riders, all terrific organisations trying their best to encourage

youngsters into the saddle.

Given that there were over seventy ponies and riders and as many leaders, we think it is fair to say that the occasion was a great success once again.

The ride was topped and tailed with Pony Club games in the morning and the groups organised a Family Fun Day after the rideout.



FAMILY AFFAIR: Edith Mitchell with Mum and Dad



The Main Men!

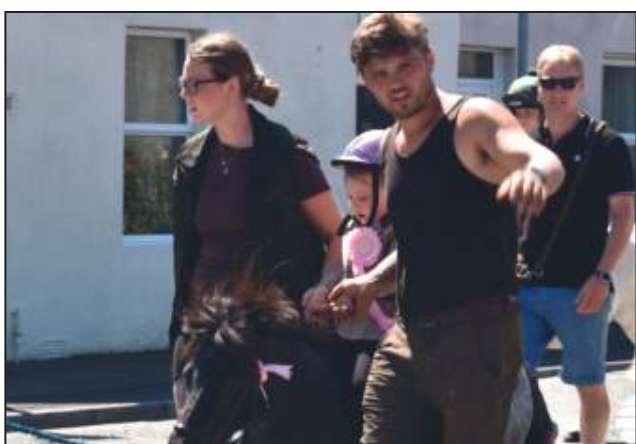


FUTURE IS SAFE: Alfie Earsman



The younger they start, the better!

SMILES ALL AROUND: From some of Langholm's enthusiastic Young Riders



25 years ago: Castle Craigs Day with a difference



In the absence of horses, Castle Craigs Club committee, members and townsfolk followed Langholm Pipe Band on the route through the town that the riders would have taken

The Castle Craigs day was certainly different this year, with the foot and mouth outbreak having ruled out the usual mounted cavalcade and gallop up the Kirk Wynd.

Once again though, as much as possible was held to keep things going in the lead up to the Common Riding. The town band played from the Market Place to Buccleuch Hall for the ladies' committee annual sale and townspeople and visitors turned out in force to boost the band's funds by more than £1400.

The sale was opened by semi-jubilee Cornet John Murray accompanied by his wife, Linda, and they were introduced to the packed hall by band president Edwin Armitage. Young band members Kathleen Cavers and Grant Anderson presented a

give and basked of flowers to John and Linda. There was a variety of stalls and games and the youngsters were entertained by BJ who made balloon animals.

Rev Bob Milne was auctioneer for a bottle of House of Commons malt whisky which was signed by Prime Minister Tony Blair. It went to Linda Murray for £25. The sale raised £980 and a further £471 came from the raffle.

On Foot

The pipe band played down towards Townfoot at the time it usually meets the horses on the return journey. The band was followed around the streets by a large turnout of Castle Craigs members and by townspeople who were following behind on foot.

In the evening the Castle Craigs Club held a smoker

in the Crown Hotel which was attended by 120 members who were welcomed by President Stephen Tweddle. Billy Young gave the toast to the club and to the Common Riding, with replies from Cyril Johnstone and Stephen Rae. The toast to the jubilee Cornet was submitted by Joe Donadson to which Billy Park made suitable reply and John Murray replied to the semi-jubilee toast from Donald Cowan. Grant Fletcher gave the toast to the club and David McVittie replied. Members of the town band played Common Riding airs which were well received, and a collection among the members raised £155 for the band funds.

Singers for the evening were Colin Irving, Neil Borthwick, Wayne Irving, Peter Harkness and Chuck Muir and Del Hogg.

Front Two tour town's businesses in 2001

Right- and Left-Hand men, Steven Hotson and Darren Irving, visited the local firms on Friday where they were welcomed by management and workers.

They started off in the New Town at Paisley's, the wool merchant, then headed for Reid and Taylor, where they were shown round the works. Neil Johnstone was the next port of call where they were

given the usual refreshments, then it was through to the Old Town and down to Border Fine Arts.

Going round the works at BFA, Steven and Darren were shown a figurine being completed of the first three horses and jockeys in the Derby, with the winner, of course, wearing the Common Riding colours. The figurine is to be shown in Latimer's win-

dow with the aim of raising funds for the Common Riding by a raffle or other means.

The pair moved on to Langholm Dyeing where they met up with the women in the office before going on to Arthur Bell (Scotch Tweeds) for refreshments and a blether. Their last port of call was at the Edinburgh Woollen Mill.



RHM Steven Hotson and LHM Darren Irving visit the staff of R G Neill Ltd during Common Riding week in 2001



Steven and Darren visit the staff of Arthur Bell of Langholm Ltd during Common Riding week in 2001

LCR 2001



Common Riding Chatter from 1986

...Alison Aston takes a look back at the jottings in the E&L archives

Looking back...

From the E&L dated 30th July 1986

Two horseshoes were cast in the gallop up the Kirk Wynd on Friday morning, but no-one was hurt. In fact, one of them went right over the rooftop and was retrieved from a back-garden on Saturday morning.

It was a good job the Rev James Watson could stand in the pulpit on Sunday morning as sitting might have been painful after following the Cornet around the Castle Craigs on the "Setterday Afore" and then round the Common on Friday only to part company with his horse during the Cornet's Chase. However, one bounce and he was up and mounted again ready to continue.

The lack of local knowledge amongst the drafted-in policemen certainly caused problems on Friday morning when a large hay lorry and several other vehicles behind him threatened to block the High Street at the Post Office just as the Cornet was about to arrive for the handing out of the flag.

It is hard to believe that so many people make the climb up to the top of the Kirk Wynd to watch a charge up the Brae which only lasts four minutes.

The stumbling amongst the followers of the bands has been attributed to the fact that people do not keep in step. Take note of that for next year!

The Castleholm was an absolute hive of activity on Friday and yet there were still several unfortunate incidents of people haggling with the gatemen who do such a great job.

The owners of Border Lad, the winner of the Hound Trail, claim they had no bet on their dog because they fancied their other dog, Border Vale. However, the first prize cheque and the prestige of winning made it more than worthwhile for the Canonbie and Coshaw owning partnership of Podge McGimpsey and Bert Dalglish. They also were the first owners from the Scottish side of the Border to win the trail for many years.

The Emblem bearers certainly did not let the Cornet or the town down. The Barley Banna lads were as fit and fervent as ever and Crown Bearer Kevin Irving's blistered hand is evidence in itself of the enthusiasm he put into the job.

David Reid carried the spade with gusto, well and truly marked the boundaries and made a big splash as he waded the Ewes ahead of the Cornet to cut the sod on the Castleholm.



Rev James Watson

The newly appointed Thistle Bearer, Ronnie Johnstone, was a proud man indeed when he first took the Thistle into his hands. He twirled it high and round and his face was a picture of pride and joy.

Rob Douglas, late of Westwater but now a resident in Walter Street, Langholm, was more than a little nostalgic on Friday when he thought back to the Common Riding Games of 50 years ago when he won the sprint there. In later years he won three watches for his running and cycling achievements.

Among the many visitors to the Common Riding were Professor



New Thistle Bearer Ronnie Johnstone with the newly-cut 1986 Thistle

and Mrs Woger from Perth, West Australia. They were very impressed especially with the friendliness of the people of Langholm saying they "felt like invited guests to a family birthday party".

Bob Lally of Gilnockie Tower presented a cheque for £41 to the Town Band in the Douglas Hotel on the Common Riding morning. The money came from the visitors' collection box at the Tower and was gratefully accepted by Band treasurer Eric Laidlaw.

We overheard one spectator comment that the well-chosen wide platform for the Fair Crier,



1986 was John T. Jeffrey's 67th year playing in the Flute Band

Ex-Cornet Neil Davidson's mount, was broad enough to dance a polka on.

Playing in the Flute Band for his 67th Common Riding was John (JT) Jeffrey. It is some record to aim for, and he looks as if he will go on for the same time again.

Gavin Jeffrey was absent from the front row of the Town Band on Common Riding Day. He clashed with a "Dashing White Sergeant" at the Simmer Fair Dance and fell out with the hall floor. Fortunately, nothing is broken and the bruised Gavin is having to be content with crutches for a few days.

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday, 16th July 2026

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 5,697 sheep comprising of 1,907 prime lambs and 3,790 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 16th July 2026.

PRIME LAMBS

A larger show of 1,907 lambs forward to the same competitive ring of purchasers ensuring all classes sold to the same rates of return as last week's trade. A shortage of numbers nationwide ensured Longtown customers were rewarded. Well-bred and well finished lambs were in full flow through the ring in Longtown, shown in full bloom to vendor advantage, selling to premium returns. Commercial grass-fed lambs found some slight resistance, albeit still looking well sold.

Well-fed lambs continue to be wanted for the coming weeks, still being sold to vendor advantage.

Top price per head of £258 for Texels from Messrs Fleming, The Anvil.

Top per kilo of 434.9p for Beltex lambs from J. Muir & Son, Cleughbrae.

Overall average 396.5p (SQQ 396.3p)

Principal Prices (Per Head)

Texel £258 The Anvil, £233 Pendicle,

£232 Ruthwell, £228 Langdyke Cottage and Eastside, £224 Cleughbraemill.

Beltex £237 Cleughbrae, £236 Low Meadow, £212 Cleughbrae, £193 Red Hennels.

Mule £224, £202 Brownleazes, £184 Silverdale, £182 Shittington Hall, £172 Whiteside.

Suffolk £222, £221 Brownleazes, £221 Boreland of Kelton, £219 Grindon Hill, £213 Whiteside, £202 Brownleazes.

North Country Cheviot £216 Dormansteads.

Berrichon £206 Carse Farm.

Charollais £199 Pendicle, £182 Victoria House and Red Hennels.

Cheviot Mule £190, £170 Dormansteads.

Half Bred £180 High Moat.

Gritstone £166 Zetland.

Oxford £164 Guards.

Blackface £150 Whiteside.

Principal Prices (Per Kilo)

Beltex 434.9p, 432.7p, 431p Cleughbrae, 424.3p Cheeseburn Grange Hall, 420p Howard House and Red Hennels.

Texel 429p, 427.9p Corneyside, 425p Lower Moor, 424p Shankbridge End,

422.2p Corneyside.

Charollais 415p Pendicle, 387.2p Victoria House and Red Hennels.

Suffolk 413.2p Grindon Hill, 409.3p Boreland of Kelton, 406.4p Shandford, 405.3p Rigfoot, 404.8p Pendicle.

Berrichon 394.7p, 386.8p Carse Farm.

North Country Cheviot 390p Earlside, 366.1p Dormansteads.

Cheviot Mule 386.4p, 380p Dormansteads.

Mule 382p Whiteside, 381.1p, 379.7p Brownleazes, 379.2p Shittington Hall, 379p Prospect House.

Half Bred 375p High Moat.

Blackface 363.2p St Margarets, 361p Prospect House.

Gritstone 361p Zetland.

Oxford 341.7p Guards.

CAST EWES AND RAMS

An increased but very mixed show of 3,790 cast ewes and rams sold to a full contingent of purchasers all eager for supplies, ensuring all classes easily maintained recent rates of return.

An outstanding run of 512 Continental ewes descended on Longtown from Messrs W. & C. Ingram, Logie Durno, Aberdeenshire which sold way beyond expectations levelling at a very

impressive £231 per head.

More cast ewes are actively sought after on a weekly basis to satisfy an ever-growing demand at Longtown. Please do not hesitate to contact our auctioneers for further enquiries.

Txel ewes sold to a top of £330 for Texel ewes from Beckfoot.

Light ewes selling to £175 for Blackface ewes from Prospect House and Easycares from East Greengreeneridge. Rams topped at £345 for Texels from Horsemarket.

Heavy ewes

Texel £330 Beckfoot, £320, £300, £295, £290 Logie Durno, £288, £285 Crumhaughhill, £285 Catslackburn. Charollais £280, £260 Logie Durno, £240 Beckfoot, £238, £230 Logie Durno, £230 Beckfoot, £228 Logie Durno.

Beltex £270 Logie Durno, £245 Drumreach, £228 Wauchope, £215 Drumreach, £210 Swinside Townfoot. Suffolk £244, £236 Logie Durno, £235 Hatherleigh, £226, £220 Logie Durno, £220 Crumhaughhill and Hatherleigh, £218 Falla.

Bluefaced Leicester £220 Logie Durno, £214 Beckfoot, £212 Horsemarket, £195 Linkshead.

Mule £212 Linkshead and Horsemarket, £206 Woodcroft, £202 Broomhills, £195 Horsemarket, £188 Roseneath.

Cheviot Mule £200 Logie Durno, £194 Swinside Townfoot, £192 Rigfoot, £188 Moorhills, £185 Ifferdale.

Dorset £195 Hatherleigh.

North Country Cheviot £194 Beckfoot, £192 High Moat, £190 North Corielaw and Monklaw, £188 Kingside and North Corielaw, £186 Beckfoot and High Moat

Romney £190, £186 Horsemarket, £180, £167 Bodrugan.

Dutch Spotted £188 Hatherleigh.

Light ewes

Blackface £175 Prospect House, £168 Dalbog, £152 Horsemarket, £144 Tinnis. Easycare £175 East Greenridge, £130 Castle Farm.

Cheviot £146 Setthorns, £142 Sorbie and Ifferdale, £128 St Margarets. Shetland £138 Roseneath, £118 Fearn Farm, £108 Roseneath.

Swaledale £134 Corran, £122 East Greenridge.

Herdwick £110 Lake View.

Rams

Texel £345, £330 Horsemarket, £305 Crumhaughhill, £295 Pendicle, £280

Crumhaughhill.

Charollais £325 Thackwood.

Bluefaced Leicester £270, £180 Horsemarket.

Suffolk £220 Beckfoot, £200 Horsemarket.

Lleyn £220 Horsemarket.

North Country Cheviot £192 Monklaw.

Beltex £190 Logie Durno, £180, £178 Fearn Farm.

Romney £180 Horsemarket, £165 Bodrugan.

Blackface £157 Horsemarket, £148 Dalbog.

Kerry Hill £150 Dunrostan.

Easycare £132, £130 Castle Farm.

Hill Cheviot £122 Lagalgarve.

Shetland £118 Fearn Farm.

Averages:

Lambs

Standard to 424.3p (388.8p)

Medium to 429.0p (397.5p)

Heavy to 432.7p (395.8p)

Overweight to 434.9p (407.5p)

Ewes

Light to £175.00 (£104.50)

Heavy to £330.00 (£177.72)

Rams to £345.00 (£160.62)

...Liddesdale Lineup...

By Gilly Fraser

Camera Club focuses on Heritage Centre

Copshaw's amateur photographers produce some considered images

Talented photographers always seem to find interesting and unusual ways of taking photos, even of everyday objects, perhaps shooting from a different angle, or using light and shadow in innovative ways.

That certainly proved true for members of the Holm Camera Club when they paid a visit to the village Heritage Centre recently.

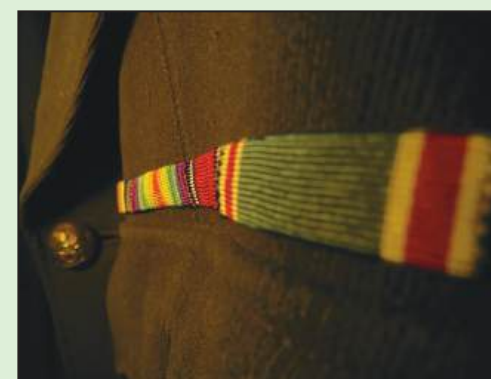
The Centre has lots of fascinating artefacts, and the camera club members thoroughly enjoyed finding ways to interpret the historical treasures in new ways.

Here are just a few of the shots they took along with the photographers' reasons for choosing them. Maybe they'll inspire you to see things a little differently next time you visit the Heritage Centre.



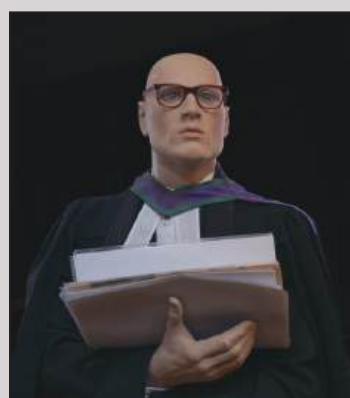
Caroline

My images were inspired by looking at the different shapes and the lighting on the items in the heritage centre, it was nice to look at the items differently as what would work best in a photograph. Definitely worth a visit to with or without a camera.



Amber

I was mainly inspired by the smaller details within historic fashion. I feel that the intricacy and care that went into the making of the items should be highlighted and brought to more people's attention.



Connell

Throughout the summer months the Holm Camera Club, Newcastleton has been meeting on a Thursday evening locally. This supplements the winter programme that is held in the Village Hall twice monthly again on a Thursday evening.

We had a great time at the Heritage Centre, everyone seemed to enjoy the photo opportunities, but also seeing old Newcastleton displayed.

The Heritage Centre gave many opportunities - I focused on the many mannequins displaying uniforms of the past days.



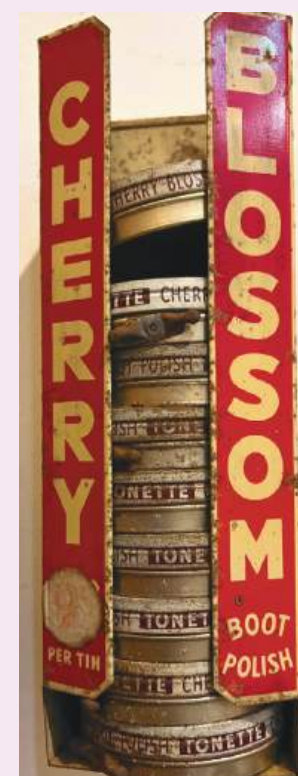
Mark

What particularly caught my eye was a 1908 calendar from Elliots the Butchers who are still going strong in the village today. From a photographic perspective I enjoyed the displays of old groceries and the different display set ups showing how people used to live in Newcastleton.



Wendy

I was particularly inspired by glass, pottery and metal. Days of no plastic. How simple shapes were and natural textures used. Taking a camera certainly encourages you to appreciate the detail.



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The Council has made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to temporarily close various roads in Langholm as detailed below. The closures are necessary to facilitate activities associated with Langholm Common Riding. Alt route 31/7/26 - via A7 at Hawick, A698, A6088 via Bonchester Bridge, B6357 to A7 at Canonbie and vice versa. Emergency vehicle access will be available if required. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

Simmer Fair Night (Thursday 30th July 2026)

Parade route – from Town Hall via High St, Townfoot and back via High St, Thomas Telford Rd, Henry St, Walter St, Eskdaill St, Caroline St, Elizabeth St, Thomas Telford Rd, High St to Town Hall. 19:30 to 22:30

Parade route – Townfoot, High St, Thomas Telford Rd, Henry St, Caroline St, Elizabeth St, Thomas Telford Rd, High St. 19:30 to 22:30

Common Riding Day (Friday 31st July 2026)

Flute band parade – High Street, Thomas Telford Road, Henry Street, Walter Street, Eskdaill Street, Caroline Street, Elizabeth Street, Langholm Bridge. 05:00 to 06:00

High St/Market Pl. – various events / ceremonies involving periods of road closure. 08:15 to 22:00

Parade route - from Town Hall via High St, Thomas Telford Rd to the Buccleuch Centre round the Pump back via Thomas Telford Rd, High St to Ashley Bank, back via High St to Town Hall. 08:30 to 09:00

Parade route – from Town Hall via High St, Kirk Wynd and back via Kirk Wynd, High St, Thomas Telford Bridge and back via High St, Townfoot and back via Townfoot, High St, Kirk Wynd, Drove Rd, Barbrae, A7(T), U225a to Castleholm. 09:45 to 10:00

Parade route – Kirk Wynd, High St to Greenbank and back via High St to Ashley Bank and back via High St, Kirk Wynd, Drove Rd, Barbrae to the Kilngreen. 10:15 to 12:00

Parade route – from Castleholm via U225a, A7(T), Townhead, High St to Town Hall. 20:30 to 21:00

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
W/C 27th July 2026

	Quilters Group	10-1	
Mon	Make it Monday (come with a project you need help with)	1-3	Creation Mill DG13 oES
Tues	Canonbie In-Stitches	2-4	Village Hall DG14 oUX
Wed	Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Kirkpatrick Fleming In Stitches	10-12	Victoria Hall, DG11 3AU
Fri	CLOSED for Common Riding		
Sat	CLOSED for Common Riding		

Scrap Store is open
Monday-Thursday 10-3

 Booking required, please visit
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LANGHOLM FLUTE BAND
AGM & SOCIAL EVENING



Thursday
23rd July
Buck Hotel 8pm
ALL WELCOME
£5 a head including snacks
A good attendance of flutes is requested

Langholm Town Band
Annual

SALE OF WORK

The Buccleuch Centre
Saturday 25th July
1:45pm

Admission £2.50
Children 50p
Cream Tea included

WHAT'S ON IN JULY		
Sat 18th for one month	The Langholm Common Riding Exhibition	The Old Post Office 10am - 4pm
Fri 24th	Hard of Hearing Grp Brew 'n' Blether	Langholm Day Centre 10.30 - 12 noon
Sat 25th	Langholm Town Band Sale of Work	The Buccleuch Centre 1.45pm
	Castle Craigs Club Bowling Tournament	Old and New Town Bowling Greens
Tues 28th	Xcel's Party on the Pitch Family Event	Cricket Club 12pm - 4pm
	'A Night wi' the Banna'	Masonic Social Club 7.30pm
Wed 29th	Langholm Playcare Common Riding	Old Tennis Courts Rosevale Street 10am
Thu 30th	Langholm Town Band Outdoor Concert	Langholm Market Place 7.30pm

The E&L
General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2630 answers next week

- 1

What is the name of Edinburgh's world-famous shopping street?
- 2

Which is the largest of Britain's National Parks?
- 3

On which river does the city of Winchester stand?
- 4

If a dog arriving in Briain from abroad has to go into quarantine, how long usually is the quarantine period?
- 5

For what is the town of Axminster famed?
- 6

Which Welsh village was struck by a tragic and devastating slag-heap disaster in 1966?
- 7

Who designed the famous Clifton Suspension Bridge?
- 8

In which county does the River Thames rise?
- 9

What was founded by Sir Robert Hunter, Octavia Hill and Canon HD Rawnsley?
- 10

Which river does the Clifton Suspension Bridge span?
- 11

What flower commemorates St Andrew's Day?
- 12

What distinction is enjoyed by the North Yorkshire village of Sutton-under-Whitestonecliffe?
- 13

What completes the following: Thorpe
- 14

Where is Ford's Halewood production plant?
- 15

Which Cornish lifeboat sank in 1981 with the loss of all hands?
- 16

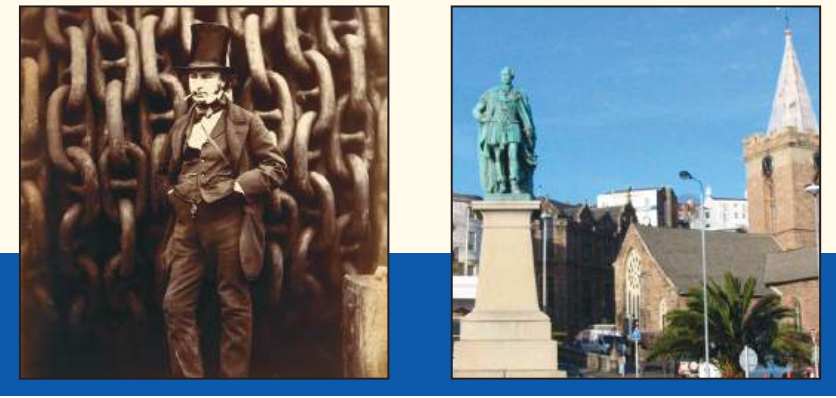
At which London station would you find the Grand Midland Hotel?
- 17

Which former large Welsh county has now been divided into Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire?
- 18

Next to which motorway does the Kent town of Maidstone stand?
- 19

What is the capital of Guernsey?
- 20

What is the first road tunnel under the River Thames which lies downstream of Tower Bridge?



NEVER A CROSSWORD!

No. 2629 A mix of general knowledge and cryptic clues think. Answers next week

- Across
- 7

Sheer delight (8)

8

"Casablanca" club owner (4)

9

"Unlock this door!" (4,2)

10

Hoofing it (2,4)

11

Flags (5)

12

Chess champion --- Karpov (7)

14

Least prepossessing (7)

16

Sales pitch (5)

19

Small things (6)

20

Roman ode-smith (6)

21

Clammy (4)

22

As do the days in Spring (8)
- Down
- 1

Wimp, preaching revolution in the kitchen (8,5)

2

Scrounger (6)

3

Nutty as a fruitcake (5)

4

Magnates (7)

5

Advantage (6)

6

Dominie, in Scotland (6,7)

13

As a rule (7)

15

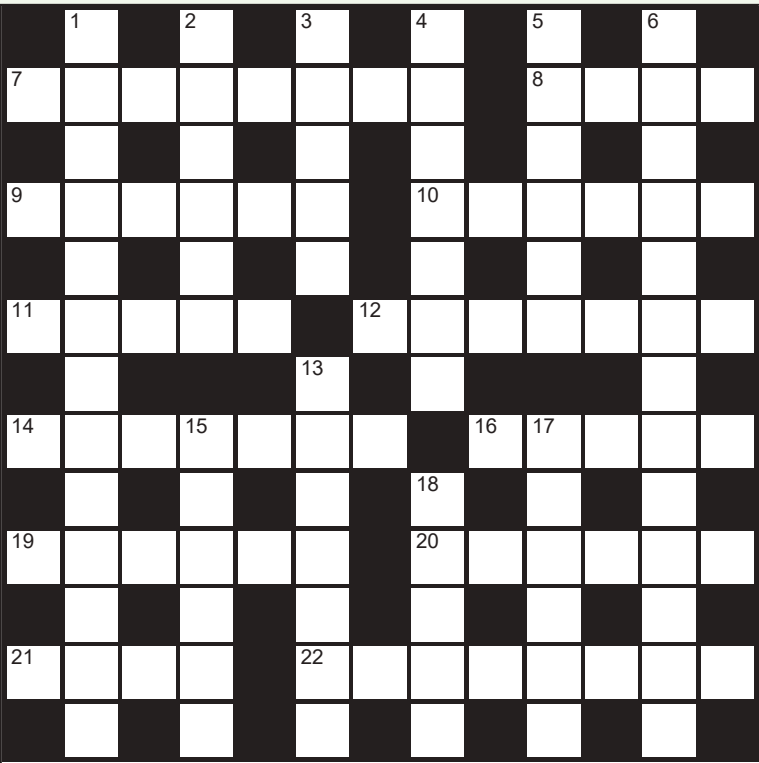
Conjure up (6)

17

Spotlessness (6)

18

Directed a light (5)



Crossword & Quiz
Solutions from
last week

Quiz 2629

- 1

Deeping
- 2

Wells
- 3

Drayton Manor
- 4

Mainland commercial radio station
- 5

Attorney General
- 6

BBC
- 7

Inch
- 8

Oxford
- 9

Hampshire
- 10

Coronation Street's Rovers Return
- 11

A bill
- 12

Calcutta Cup
- 13

24
- 14

30
- 15

1967
- 16

Outer Hebrides
- 17

Westminster Abbey
- 18

Lowestoft, Surrey
- 19

Birmingham
- 20

River Tweed

Crossword 2629

Across: 7 Core, 8 Executes, 9 Card, 10 Prostate, 11 Civics, 13 Got off, 15 Others, 17 Relive, 18 Grafting, 20 Bert, 21 Stockton, 22 Lose.

Down: 1 Loyalist, 2 Deed, 3 Tempos, 4 Mekong, 5 Sum total, 6 West, 12 In effect, 14 Feverish, 16 Saints, 17 Regent, 19 Ruts, 20 Bels.



International debut for Langholm's Aoiffion

Athletics

14-year-old Aoiffion McVittie Brangan made her competitive debut for her country when she represented the Scottish Schools U17 athletics team against England, Ireland and Wales in the Schools International Athletics Boards annual meeting.

The event was held in the excellent surroundings of the Mary Peters Stadium in Belfast and was an opportunity to compete against the very best young athletes from across Great Britain. The Scotland squad included 31 girls and 35 boys and despite being only 3 months into her 14 birthdays, Aoiffion had been selected as one of two female athletes to compete in the 100m. Despite not being happy with her start, she recorded her second best 100m time to finish in 6th place, fractionally behind 4th and 5th place. The 100m was won by Aliyah Afolabi from Wales who had been named in the Team GB Squad for the European U18 Championships, in a time of 11.68 seconds, breaking the championship record set by Team GB sprinter Daryll Neita in 2013.

Relay

Aoiffion was also selected for the 4 x 100m relay and lined up in the second leg against 100m winner Afolabi from Wales and Annabelle Fasuba from England,



two of the best young sprinters in the UK. And, despite holding her own, the team from Scotland narrowly missed out on the bronze medal by 0.48 seconds. Aoiffion is of an age where she will still be available for selection for the next three SIAB International events in Scotland, Wales and England over the next three years.

Dedicated

Aoiffion's coach Calum Graham said "Aoiffion has had a fantastic six months in track and field and despite her young age, fully justified her selection in the squad and for the 100m and 4x100m relay. She works incredibly hard at her sport and dedicates a lot of time to



Top: Aoiffion with the relay team
Bottom: Aoiffion did Langholm proud and has a great future in front of her

training". He added "She is very appreciative of the support she has received from The Welcome to Langholm Future Champions Awards, The Holywood Trust, The Arthur Bell of Langholm Trust, Mark Seed Forest & Land Management Ltd, and the Chloe and Liam Together Forever Trust that has supported her progression."

Aoiffion takes a break from

competition with her next race being up the Kirk Wynd at 9.10am next Friday morning. However, she returns to the track mid-August with the Scottish Youth Development League Final, the Scottish U16 and U18 National Championships and, if they qualify, the UK Youth Development League Final in Liverpool with Edinburgh AC.

Paul secures Zander's trophy

Bowling



Cornet Tommy Hope presents winner Paul Warwick with runner up Steven Barker and President Louise Keeney. It was a great day on Sunday for the Zander Turnbull memorial open singles tournament at Langholm old bowling club. Cornet Thomas Hope and Right- and Left-hand Men, Ewan and Bailey, joined for the presentation and a night of entertainment.

There was a massive thank you to the folk who work hard looking after the green

as they do an excellent job and to Lauren for running the tournament. Also thanks to the kitchen and bar staff who had a very long day and night and to Ann and Linda for running the Common Riding raffle.

The winner of the trophy was Paul Warwick with runner up Stevie Barker. Beaten semi finalists were Luke Tolson and Danny Hetherington.

Langholm top of league with 111 points

Cricket

Langholm dug themselves out of a bit of a hole on Benty rideout day defeating Nunwick convincingly by 110 runs. At 11 for 2 and 54 for 4 Langholm's final total of 206 looked out of reach but a dogged 57 from Graham Park and a superb 80 from Dave Steele saw them reach that mark. In reply Nunwick gave it a shot but once Tony Steele claimed three quick wickets the game was done.

Langholm skipper John Bell won the toss and elected to bat on the dry track. With only 3 on the board Chris Stewart fell cutting Dave Booker straight to Rampersad for 0. Tony Steele was the next to go clean bowled

his Longtown team mate Booker for 1, leaving Langholm 11 for 2. This brought Corey Park in to join his Dad. With Corey to the fore the recovery began as they added 38 for the third wicket, Corey was looking set for a large score when Dave Booker struck again bowling Corey for 31. John Bell soon fell to James for 4 leaving Langholm in a bit of trouble at 54 for 4. Dave Steele joined Park and the pair saw Langholm to the hydration break with the score 66 for 4. After drinks Park started to come out of his shell and along with Steele the score started to climb. In the 11 overs after drinks the pair added 70 before Park finally fell for 57. Andrew Paisley managed to add 8 despite some lackadaisical running in a partnership



of 22 as the score reached 158 for 6. Two quick wickets fell as first Danny Tait was LBW for 0 and all rounder Andrew Bell (returning to play after a 9 year hiatus) was out for 4. By this time Dave Steele had passed 50 and along with Aiden Wilson, the score started to rocket. In the last four overs the pair added 43 with Dave finishing on 80 not out and Aiden 17 not out. Langholm was 206 for 8 after

40 overs, a score Langholm would have bitten your hand off at 11 for 2 and 54 for 4.

Nunwick made an attacking start as the first over went for 13, all be with a dropped catch in there. Paul Booker was certainly giving it a go and in the process of his 29 was dropped 4 times with Corey Park the most unfortunate bowler. The introduction of Tony Steele brought Nunwick's slim hopes to an end as he removed Booker for 29 with the score on 45, then two balls later Rampersad caught behind for 0. Gaskell fell for 0 caught Wilson bowled Steele and when Andrew Paisley got in his radar working Carrick was clean bowled by a vicious in swinger leaving Nunwick 52 for 4. After those 4 for wickets for

7 runs it was only a matter of time as Chris Stewart and Ryan Johnstone removed the last 5 batsmen, Mike Booker showed a bit of resistance hitting 22 before he was the last man to go caught by Andrew Paisley at square leg off Johnstone with Nunwick all out for 96. The wicket takers were Tony Steele 3 for 8, Chris Stewart 3 for 8, Ryan Johnstone 2 for 25 and Andrew Paisley 1 for 11.

A great result for Langholm gaining revenge on the only team to beat them this year, with the shock news that league leaders Patterdale conceded their game and Langholm moved to the top off the table 12 points clear. Next week we are home again against Wetherall.

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